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Senate Joint Resolution

No. 22

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 22—Relative to Calxico West Land Port of Entry project.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 22, as amended, Hueso. Calxico West Land Port of Entry project: funding.

This measure would respectfully urge Congress to appropriate \$248 million in funding to complete Phase 2 of the Calxico West Land Port of Entry reconfiguration and expansion project in order to realize the benefits the improvements of this project will have on the nation's economy.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The inclusion of \$248 million in funding for Phase
2 2 of the Calexico West Land Port of Entry reconfiguration and
3 expansion project in the Financial Services and General
4 Government Appropriations bill is proposed by the President's
5 Fiscal Year 2017 Budget; and

6 WHEREAS, This funding will ensure completion of the project,
7 which will improve domestic supply chains, strengthen our national
8 security, reduce the port's carbon footprint, and facilitate economic
9 growth, not only for the County of Imperial and for California, but
10 for the entire nation; and

11 WHEREAS, The Obama Administration's 2015 budget included
12 a \$98,062,000 investment in Calexico West Land Port of Entry
13 Phase 1. This first phase of the expansion project is currently
14 underway and is expected to be completed in 2018. Phase 2 will
15 consist of the balance of the project, including additional sitework,
16 an expanded pedestrian processing facility, administrative offices,
17 and six additional northbound privately owned vehicle inspection
18 lanes; and

19 WHEREAS, The completion of this project guarantees the
20 economic activity of the border will not be lost. On an average
21 day, more than 15,000 to 20,000 privately operated vehicles and
22 nearly 20,000 pedestrians enter the United States through the
23 Calexico Land Port of Entry; and

24 WHEREAS, The United States' goods and private services trade
25 with Mexico totaled an estimated \$583.6 billion in 2015, with
26 exports totaling \$267.2 billion and imports totaling \$316.4 billion;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Mexico is currently our second largest goods
29 trading partner with almost \$72 billion in two-way trade of goods
30 during 2015, with goods exports that totaled \$26.8 billion and
31 goods imports that totaled \$45 billion; and

32 WHEREAS, Ninety-nine percent of trade between California
33 and Mexico is carried by trucks, and the Calexico East Port of
34 Entry serves nearly all of the international truck traffic crossings
35 in the County of Imperial, with a total trade value of over \$12
36 billion in 2012; and

37 WHEREAS, The San Diego Association of Governments 2050
38 Comprehensive Freight Gateway Study projects that the nearly
39 two million trucks that crossed the California-Mexico border in
40 2007 will increase to nearly five million trucks in 2050; and

1 WHEREAS, Traffic congestion and delays at the borders of the
2 Counties of San Diego and Imperial cost the economies of the
3 United States and Mexico an estimated \$8.63 billion in gross output
4 and more than 73,900 jobs in 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, The collaboration between federal, state, and local
6 agencies is essential for the development of border infrastructure
7 projects and security; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States General Accountability Office
9 and the United States Department of Homeland Security estimate
10 that \$6 billion in border infrastructure is needed to fulfill their
11 mission of preventing unlawful entry and smuggling while
12 facilitating legitimate trade and tourism; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
14 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
15 respectfully urges Congress to appropriate \$248 million in funding
16 to complete Phase 2 of the Calexico West Land Port of Entry
17 reconfiguration and expansion project in order to realize the
18 benefits the improvements of this project will have on the nation's
19 economy; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
21 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
22 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
23 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
24 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
25 States.